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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REVIEW - MCC THRESHOLD COUNTRY PROGRAM

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1B. 03 STATE 3491

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11. In support of the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), post is requesting human rights vetting, in accordance with the Leahy Amendment, of the personnel listed below that will be participating in the MCC Threshold Country Program as customs enforcement officers for a period of at least one year beginning March 15, 2008. Embassy has reviewed its internal files and records in accordance with standardized vetting procedures and finds no derogatory information on the following members of the Paraguayan security forces that are intended recipients of U.S. security assistance to be provided under the Foreign Operations Appropriations Act (and thus subject to Leahy Vetting).

12. Candidate name: Edgar Arnaldo Meza Sierich

DOB: September 23, 1975

POB: Asuncion

Nationality: Paraguayan

13. Candidate name: Francisco Osvaldo Manuel Petersen Veiluva

DOB: October 4, 1978

POB: Asuncion

Nationality: Paraguayan

14. Embassy requests State Department vetting of the above individuals so that the planned training and material support can move forward.

15. POC for this request is Embassy Asuncion Human Rights Officer Michael Edwards, telephone: 011-595-21-213-715, e-mail: edwardsmg@state.gov.

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